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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

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## IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 5 (amended) DNA sequence as defined in claim 1 wherein this DNA sequence is that of the CAtfIIIA gene coding for a protein having the biological function of transcription factor of Candida albicans CATFIIIA containing the nucleotide sequence SEO ID No: 1.

Claim 7 (amended) DNA sequence of the CAtfIIIA gene according to claim 5 coding for the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 3 (412 AA).

Claim 8 (amended) DNA sequence coding for the transcription factor CATFILIA according to claim 5 as well as DNA sequences which